

safety and efficacy. What Schering calls "regulatory delay" may well be the result of its own delays through miscalculations, complications in its research and safety problems with its product. Schering conveniently never mentions that Claritin's "regulatory delay" resulted in no small part from the need to be sure that Claritin was not linked to cancer, as scientific data suggested during its review by FDA.

One of the points of the Waxman-Hatch Act was to stop companies like Schering from lobbying Congress for patent extensions. It has been generally successful, with the exception of rogue companies like Schering. If Schering believes it was unduly delayed, we have only to await the General Accounting Office's review of the circumstances surrounding the approval of Claritin. The introduction of H.R. 1598 leads me to believe that Schering is simply afraid of what the GAO will find.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1598 is a terrible deal for consumers. It creates a blatantly unfair administrative process which undercuts the public health. It does violence to the 1984 Waxman-Hatch Act. And it fulfills the public's worst expectations of Congress as a body motivated by the interests of lucrative industries, like the prescription drug industry, and not of average Americans struggling to afford their medicines.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of weather delay.

Mr. KIND (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of airport weather delay.

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on the account of weather delay.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GUTKNECHT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FLETCHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, on June 16.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes each day, on today and June 15.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, on June 17.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, on June 15.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, on June 15.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 15, 1999, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2576. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification of the Department's decision to study certain functions performed by military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy for possible performance by private contractors, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2577. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the approval of the retirement of Admiral Joseph W. Prueher, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2578. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting approval of the retirement of Lieutenant General Martin R. Steele, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2579. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting approval of the retirement of General Charles C. Krulak, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2580. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1999-2000 for Certain Centers and Projects, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2581. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1999-2000 for Certain Centers and Projects, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2582. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy, transmitting the Manual for Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System Reporting and Data Submission, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2583. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings [Docket No. 98F-0823] received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2584. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the

Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers; Technical Amendment [Docket No. 97F-0421] received June 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2585. A letter from the CFO and Plan Administrator, PCA Retirement Committee, First South Production Credit Association, transmitting the annual report of the Production Credit Association Retirement Plan for the year ending December 31, 1998, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2586. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Office of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migratory Bird Hunting: Regulations Regarding Baiting and Baited Areas (RIN: 1018-AD74) received June 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2587. A letter from the Fisheries Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements [Docket No. 950427117-8275-04; I.D. No. 100598B] (RIN: 0648-AH97) received June 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2588. A letter from the Fisheries Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements [I.D. 102098A] (RIN: 0648-AH97) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2589. A letter from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting the annual report of the activities of the American Academy of Arts and Letters during the year ending December 31, 1997, pursuant to section 4 of its charter (39 Stat. 51); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2590. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT8D-200 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 98-ANE-43-AD; Amendment 39-11188; AD-99-12-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2591. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT8D-1, -1A, -1B, -7, -7A, -7B, -9, -9A, -11, -15, -15A, -17, -17A, -17R, and -17AR Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 98-ANE-48-AD; Amendment 39-11187; AD 99-12-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2592. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Santa Rosa, CA [Airspace Docket No. 99-AWP-3] received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2593. A letter from the Chief, Regs and Admin Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Marblehead, MA to Halifax, Nova Scotia Ocean Race [CGD01-99-062]

(RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2594. A letter from the Chief, Regs and Admin Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Regulations; Grand Canal, Florida [CGD07-98-048] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2595. A letter from the Chief, Regs and Admin Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Hospitalized Veterans Cruise, Boston Harbor, Boston, MA [CGD01-99-055] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2596. A letter from the Chief, Regs and Admin Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Independence Day Celebration, Cumberland River mile 190.0-191.0, Nashville, TN [CGD08-99-036] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2597. A letter from the Governor, State of North Dakota, transmitting a request for assistance in bringing some relief to the people of the Devils Lake basin; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2598. A letter from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Community Alliance for Math, Science, and Technology Literacy (CASTL) [Docket No. 990517136-9136-01] (RIN: 0693-ZA30) received June 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

2599. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Service Connection of Dental Conditions for Treatment Purposes (RIN: 2900-AH41) received June 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2600. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting Department's final rule—Surviving spouse's benefit for month of veteran's death (RIN: 2900-AJ64) received June 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2601. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Section 6621.—Determination of Interest Rate [Rev. Rul. 99-27] received June 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2602. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Secured Employee Benefits Settlement Initiative [Revenue Ruling 99-26] received June 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under Clause 2 of the rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of June 10, 1999]

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1802. A bill to amend part E of

title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-182 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

[Submitted June 14, 1999]

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 17. A bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, to provide greater assurance for contract sanctity, and for other purpose (Rept. 106-154 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. H.R. 629. A bill to amend the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund and to more efficiently and effectively promote economic revitalization, community development, and community development financial institutions, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-183). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. H.R. 413. A bill to authorize qualified organizations to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to microenterprise development organizations and programs and to disadvantaged entrepreneurs using funds from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Small Business for a period ending not later than July 2, 1999, for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(o), rule X. (Rept. 106-184, Pt. 1).

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 206. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1000) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-185). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[The following occurred on June 11, 1999]

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committees on the Budget and Rules discharged. H.R. 1000 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[Omitted from the Record of June 10, 1999]

H.R. 1802. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than June 25, 1999.

[The following occurred on June 11, 1999]

H.R. 10. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than June 15, 1999.

H.R. 17. Referral to the Committee on International Relations extended for a period ending not later than June 14, 1999.

H.R. 434. Referral to the Committees on Ways and Means and Banking and Financial Services extended for a period ending not later than June 15, 1999.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 2183. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for the preemption of State law in certain cases relating to certain church plans; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 2184. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the removal of aliens who aid or abet a terrorist organization or an individual who has conducted, is conducting, or is planning to conduct a terrorist activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2185. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance through a pooling arrangement; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BECERRA:

H.R. 2186. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Rhinovirus drugs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas:

H.R. 2187. A bill to prohibit reconstruction assistance (other than humanitarian assistance) for the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (other than Kosovo) until Slobodan Milosevic and the four other officials of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia named in the indictment of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia have been arrested and placed in custody of the Tribunal; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon (for herself, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 2188. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public response to the public health crisis of pain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUNTER:

H.R. 2189. A bill to compensate certain former American hostages held in Lebanon and certain members of their families; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself and Mr. POMEROY):

H.R. 2190. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide small business employees with a simple, secure, and fully portable defined benefit plan; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 2191. A bill to require that jewelry imported from another country be indelibly marked with the country of origin; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2192. A bill to require that jewelry boxes imported from another country be indelibly marked with the country of origin; to the Committee on Ways and Means.